

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007**

**East Greenwich High School Auditorium**

**300 Avenger Drive**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY BE  
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**VOTE**

**The October 16 School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. in the East Greenwich High School auditorium. Members present were: Sue Cienki, Chair, Skip Day, Vice-Chair, Anne Palumbo, Mary Ellen Winters, JeanAnn Guliano, and Susan Records, as well as Helen O'Hara and Maryanne Crawford. Mrs. Friedemann was absent. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**2. Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following minutes: September 18 regular and executive session meetings**

**4. Parental Leave**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the following parental leave.**

**4.1 Kathleen Felkner, Occupational Therapist at Eldredge and**

**Meadowbrook, from January 2, 2008 until the end of the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that she is a fantastic OT and will be missed during that time.**

## **5. Home School Request**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the following home school request. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **5.1 Isaac Pontarelli, grade 4**

## **6. Appointment of Bill Eustis-Finance Committee**

**Mrs. Guliano made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the appointment of Bill Eustis to the Finance Committee. It was noted that he has a terrific background and will be a great addition to the committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. Finance Advisory Committee Update**

**There was no quorum at the last meeting, but it was noted that we can't use the East Greenwich Foundation and will have to establish a new one. The focus will be Science, Technology, Arts, and Curriculum. The committee will also be reviewing the FY09 budget and how to deal with the deficit. Mrs. Guliano was thanked for all her work.**

## **8. Financial Report**

**Mrs. Crawford stated that FY 07 will be closing soon, and the deficit will not be as significant as she expected. She noted that the school lunch deficit will be \$143,000. She noted that there are only three school lunch vendors,**

**Sodexo, Chartwells, and Aramark. Mrs. Crawford stated that State Aid is expected to be level funded for the next two years, and there will be no funding formula any time soon.**

#### **9. Free Admission to events for seniors citizens**

**Last year we sent tickets to seniors and we will notify them that we will do it again as we want to get them more involved in activities. It is a way to say thank you and reach out to them.**

#### **10. Guidance Update**

**There was no update available.**

#### **11. School Committee Concerns**

**Mrs. Guliano stated that we received approval from EPA to go forward with the clean up. We don't have the grant we applied for yet and it was suggested that we do the cleanup and then apply the grant funds to it.**

**The Red Ribbon dinner will be held on October 24th at the Swift Gym.**

**There is a special education advisory committee meeting that night also at which time Mrs. O'Hara will go over the State regulations.**

**It was noted that a school bus was involved in a minor fender bender on October 12 but no one was hurt. The driver was suspended without pay, as is customary with Laidlaw, until the safety personnel get involved.**

**12. On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:30p.m. under RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) for Teacher Contract Negotiations, and discussion of the Jane Doe decision.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia Giuliani**

**Secretary**